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INSTITUTE.

TO THE HONOURABLE  
The Knights, Citizens, and Burgesſes  
in the High Court of

# PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

*The humble Petition of the numerous Creditors of the  
Goldſmiths concerned in the late ſtop of the Exchequer.*

Sheweth,



HAT by Act of this preſent Parliament, in the Nineteenth Year of His Maſteſty's Reign that now is, it was eſta bliſhed, That every perſon to whom any Moneys ſhould be due in His Maſteſty's Exchequer, and that had there any Order regiſtered for the payment thereof out of any Branch of his Maſteſties Revenue, might aſſign his Right and Intereſt in ſuch Order, and thereupon his Aſſignee ſhould be entituled to the Benefit of ſuch Order and Payment thereon.

That upon the Credit and Invitation of the ſaid Act (your Petitioners well obſerving the Goldſmiths to be within the qualifications thereof) ſome of your Petitioners placed the greateſt part; others the whole of their Eſtates in the ſaid Goldſmiths hands, who made good Payments to your Petitioners, until the Moneys due to the ſame Goldſmiths out of the Exchequer were otherwiſe diverted and obſtructed, contrary to the meaning and encouragements of the ſaid Act of Parliament.

That His Sacred Maſteſty, out of his Royal Sympathy and juſt Reſentments of his Subjects Sufferings herein, and to their great joy and comfort, did in April laſt by his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of England, graciouſly ſettle the ſaid Debt to the Goldſmiths and your Petitioners for ever, upon his hereditary part of the Excife, to be paid by way of a perpetual Intereſt.

That notwithstanding your Petitioners (conſiſting for the moſt part of Widows, Orphans, Aged People, Tradeſmen, Sufferers for Loyalty, and other helpleſs and neceſſitous Perſons) cannot ſupply their preſſing Occaſions, or drive on their Trades by aſſigning their ſaid Debts, without great Defalcations and Abatements, to their utter ruines, unleſs the ſame Debts be confirmed by a National Sanction and Conſent.

*Your Petitioners do therefore moſt humbly implore the Juſtice as well as Compaſſion of this Honourable Houſe, in order to a ſpeedy and firm Eſta bliſhment of this Debt for ever, by Act of Parliament; either by confirming the Kings ſaid Letters Patents, or by ſuch other ways and means as ſhall ſeem moſt expedient to your great wiſdoms.*

And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, ſhall ever pray, &c.

13. of J. Barker in hun-  
-dredth London their  
Petition to J. Parliament



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